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**Public Comment Sought on Report About  
Stream Impairments in Cox Creek Watershed**  
*Comment period ends Dec.21*

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Nov. 21, 2012)** – The Energy and Environment Cabinet is seeking public comment until Dec. 21, 2012, on a draft report addressing bacteria impairments in nine stream segments within the Cox Creek watershed located in the Salt River Basin in Nelson, Bullitt and Spencer counties.

The Clean Water Act requires each state to periodically identify specific waters where designated uses are not being met and water quality impairments exist. The state is also required to prioritize the list of impaired waters, calculate a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) of pollutants for those waters and devise plans to improve the water quality.

The report, *Total Maximum Daily Load for E. coli, Nine Stream Segments within the Cox Creek Watershed*, prepared by the Kentucky Division of Water, addresses bacteria impairments in the Cox Creek watershed at levels that no longer support the swimming designated use. The report includes data and procedures used to calculate the TMDL for the stream segments.

Revisions to the report may be made following the public comment period and before it is sent to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The report may be viewed online at <http://water.ky.gov/Pages/PublicNotices.aspx>. For print copies, contact Scarlett Stapleton at the Division of Water, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601 or by telephone at 502-564-3410. Comments should be provided by Dec. 21 and may be made in writing or by email to [Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov](mailto:Scarlett.Stapleton@ky.gov).

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